

South Carolina

# African American

History Calendar

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Dear Students,  
Educators & Friends,

We all walk in the footsteps of others — men and women whose vision, commitment, and often courage shape today's world. Their ideas and ideals inspired others to reach further, try harder and dream bigger than ever before.

**The South Carolina African American History Calendar** honors some extraordinary individuals with deep roots in our state, whose achievements have transformed our world and helped define who we are as South Carolinians. In the pages of this 2016 Edition, you will meet men and women who have excelled in many fields, including education, medicine, business, and public service. Some will likely be familiar to you; others are unsung heroes. Yet all have played a vital part in weaving the tapestry of our State's history, and South Carolina's heritage is richer because of them.

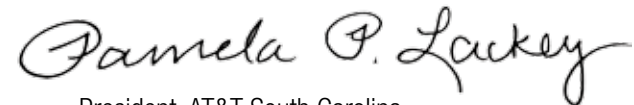
Originally conceived as a tool to assist the State Department of Education in meeting the statutory requirement to include African American history in the curriculum, the Calendar has become a virtual Hall of Fame, combining recognition with education. Each year, thousands worldwide access the Calendar online, spreading its benefits far beyond local classrooms and reflecting how advanced technology is reshaping our world.

Enabling connections that improve people's lives is AT&T's focus and commitment, and it has been since our earliest days as a company. Our goal has always been to provide the services that make a difference for South Carolinians, from completing voice calls made from rotary dial phones in decades past to delivering information and opportunities via today's mobile broadband connections.

Our community partners have been invaluable in the Calendar's success over the years, and we appreciate their continuing commitment and support in this 27th annual edition.

The individuals featured in the 2016 Edition of the calendar are role models through their integrity, vision, and dedication to excellence. We are privileged to present their stories and hope you will find them as inspiring as we do.

Pamela Lackey



President, AT&T South Carolina



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# Durham E. Carter

Educator and Community Leader

**D**urham E. Carter, a career educator, has spent much of his life creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities and special needs. A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Carter earned his Bachelor of Arts from Allen University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Indiana University.

He began his career as a teacher and guidance counselor in Ridge Spring, South Carolina. He continued his work in education and vocational rehabilitation as a certified rehabilitation counselor until he retired as the assistant to the commissioner for client relations for the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department in 1994.

Carter's work as a community advocate for Columbia neighborhoods is as notable as his professional career. He served as president of the Carolina Action Organization and led the movement for single-member district representation in Columbia. Carter is also the founder of the Waverly/Valley Park Neighborhood Association in downtown Columbia and has worked at polls on election days for more than three decades.

He has served on boards for numerous community organizations, including chair of the board of directors for the Greater Columbia Community Relations Council and president of the South Carolina State Employees Association. He has chaired Columbia's Martin Luther King Jr. Foundation for more than 20 years. Under Carter's leadership, the City of Columbia renamed Valley Park to honor Dr. King.

Carter is a life member of the NAACP and an active member and deacon at Brookland Baptist Church, where he is also a counselor and active in several ministries.

He has been honored with many awards for his service. In 1994, the City of Columbia made a proclamation for "Durham E. Carter Day," and Gov. Carroll Campbell honored him with the Order of the Palmetto. Carter has been married to his wife, Mable, for more than 55 years and is a proud father and grandfather.



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## January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>  1808 – Legislation passed declaring the transatlantic slave trade is no longer legal on North American soil  1863 – The 1st all-Black South Carolina Volunteer Regiment comprised of enslaved people was inducted into the United States Army	2
3	4	5  1954 – Hall of Famer and famous University of South Carolina basketball player, Alex English was born in Columbia, SC	6  1993 – John Birks "Dizzy" Gillespie, famed musician, died.	7  1973 – Baltimore Ravens Wide Receivers Coach and past NFL player, Bobby Engram was born in Camden, SC	8  1971 – The Office for Minority Student Affairs at USC is officially organized to represent the needs of the University's African American students and protest discriminatory treatment of the University's minority population	9  1963 – In his final speech as Governor, Fritz Hollings states that "the day of segregation has passed"
10	11	12  1944 – Joseph "Smoking Joe" Frasier is born in Beaufort, SC. He would later become an Olympic gold medalist and heavy weight champion	13	14  1943 – Harvey Gantt, the first African American admitted to Clemson University and the first black mayor of Charlotte, NC was born in Charleston, SC	15  1963 – Donald Russell is inaugurated as Governor of South Carolina and holds the first integrated inaugural reception in South Carolina's history	16  1963 – The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals orders Clemson University to admit Harvey Gantt allowing him to become the first African American to enroll at Clemson University
17  2000 – More than 46,000 protesters rally in a march on the state capitol at Columbia, SC to protest the Confederate battle flag flying atop the statehouse dome. NAACP chair Kweisi Mfume, the main speaker at the event, called it the greatest civil rights rally since the 1960s	18  <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR DAY</b>	19	20	21	22  1963 – Federal District Court Judge C.C. Wyche signs the order admitting Gantt to Clemson University	23
24	25	26	27	28  1963 – Accompanied by Matthew Perry, Harvey Gantt arrives at Clemson University and enrolls  1986 – Astronaut Ronald McNair died in Challenger explosion	29  1872 – African American clergyman and politician, Francis L. Cardozo is elected the State Treasurer of South Carolina	30
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# Schylver V. Foster

Corporate Leader and Community Educator

As a startup team member for BMW Manufacturing in our state, Schylver “Sky” Foster has been a key to success for one of South Carolina’s leading employers. Since joining BMW Manufacturing in 1993, she has served in various roles including manager of recruiting, payroll, and training and development and manager of compensation/benefits & working structures. She has also managed and administered corporate leadership, technical training, leadership assessment, executive and management coaching and intercultural language programs at the company. Foster is a respected and admired professional with a track record of results and she brings optimism and enthusiasm to work.

For her efforts in the community and her professional work at BMW, Foster has earned several distinctions, including the National Organization for Women’s Women Achievement Award, Converse College’s Outstanding Women Achievement Award and the James R. King Golden Achievement Award.

Foster has also participated in Leadership Greenville and the Diversity Leadership Institute and has served on advisory boards and boards of directors for such organizations as Warehouse Theatre, the Julie Valentine Center, the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, South Carolina State University Board, the Urban League of the Upstate, the United Way Palmetto Society, COMPASS of Carolina and Greenville Technical College’s Buck Mickel Center.

Foster was born in Gaffney, South Carolina, and has been a lifelong devoted member of her church, where she serves as a musician. She is passionate about her family and is a role model for young people who want to find and fulfill their life’s purpose. She holds a Master of Arts from North Carolina Central University and a Bachelor of Science from South Carolina State University.



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## February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  1834 – Henry McNeal Turner is born in Hannah Circuit near Newberry, SC	2 <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>  1915 – Ernest E. Just, biologist, received the Spingarn Award for pioneering research on fertilization and cell division	3	4	5  1961 – The South Carolina Council on Human Relations Student Council hosts its first student workshop at Allen University	6  1870 – African American lawyer Jonathan Jasper Wright is elected to the South Carolina Supreme Court during Reconstruction
7  1967 – Actor, comedian, and author Chris Rock was born in Andrews, SC	8  1968 – Police officers opened fire during a demonstration on South Carolina State University's campus in Orangeburg, SC. This event known as the Orangeburg Massacre left 28 students injured and three dead	9 <b>MARDI GRAS</b>	10 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>  1960 – John McCray wrote to Mayor Lester Bates requesting improved bus facilities after a visit to the Greyhound station on Blanding Street in Columbia, SC	11	12 <b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>  1909 – Georgetown, SC native William A. Sinclair, who was born enslaved in 1858 and who later earned a theology degree from Howard University, helps create the NAACP	13
14 <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> 1874 – Charlotta Amanda Bass, the first African American woman to run for national office as a Vice Presidential candidate was born in Sumter, SC 1960 – Allen University & Benedict College students begin to hold rallies to protest school & community (de)segregation 1969 – Black Students at the University of South Carolina burned a Confederate flag between the Russell House patio and the main library	15 <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY WASHINGTON'S DAY</b>	16  1955 – NAACP lawyers file the lawsuit, <i>Flemming v South Carolina Electric &amp; Gas</i> in response to Sarah Mae Fleming being expelled from a bus	17	18  1961 – Arrest of student demonstrators forces the Greyhound bus terminal in Columbia to serve customers equally	19	20
21	22	23	24	25  1963 – Supreme court rules in <i>Edwards v. SC</i> that civil disobedience is declared a legal act performed by citizens of the state to express grievances	26	27
28	29 <b>LEAP DAY</b>  A Leap Day is added on February 29 nearly every four years to keep the modern Gregorian Calendar aligned with the Earth's revolution around the Sun					

# Dr. Stuart A. Hamilton

Community Healthcare Pioneer

**D**r. Stuart A. Hamilton has dedicated his life to helping medically underserved people live healthier lives.

He is the CEO and founder of Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers (ECCHC), clinics where all medical services are offered on a sliding scale and no one is denied care due to an inability to pay.

A graduate of Trinity College, in Hartford, Connecticut, Hamilton earned his medical degree as a pediatrician at Columbia University in New York. He joined the Commissioned Corps of the U. S. Public Health Service and was assigned to Chester, South Carolina. After seeing first-hand the need for compassionate healthcare, he founded the ECCHC in 1993.

Today, the ECCHC serves more than 50,000 patients annually at 20 sites in Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry and Richland counties. It is ranked in the top 50 of the nation's 1,200 community health center systems and is the largest in the state. In 2012, the South Carolina Primary Health Care Association named the cooperative its Community Health Center of the Year.

He served as the medical director for the South Carolina Department of Youth Services before founding Eau Claire Pediatrics in a medically underserved neighborhood. Since 1996, Hamilton has also served as the associate medical director of Select Health of South Carolina, Inc.

Hamilton has worked as an international consultant to assist in the development of the KwaZulu-Natal community primary care clinic in the town of Esikhawini, South Africa. He has also worked as a clinical associate professor of pediatrics at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine and as attending physician at several hospitals.

Hamilton is the founder of the City Fencing Club for inner-city youth and serves on the Columbia Museum of Art board. In 2007, the City of Columbia named him Humanitarian of the Year, and also in 2007, Gov. Mark Sanford awarded Hamilton the Order of the Palmetto.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  1960 — Allen University & Benedict College students conduct first sit-in in Columbia at Woolworth and S.H. Kress Department Stores	3	4	5  1960 — South Carolina Student Movement Association was formed by students from Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, and South Carolina State University
6	7  1960 — The South Carolina Council on Human Relations announced the group's support of the student-led sit-in movement	8	9	10  1960 — Charles Barr, Milton Green, Richard Counts, Johnny Clark, and one unidentified student shop at Taylor St. Pharmacy & are later arrested for criminal trespassing	11	12  1974 — Booker T. Washington High School student body, alumni, and faculty were distraught over the decision to sell the school to the University of South Carolina without plans to relocate the historic African American landmark. Frankie B. Outten, representing the faculty, presented to Richland County School District One Board of Commissioners "A Testimonial to Booker T. Washington High School"
13  1968 — South Carolina State University students demonstrate at the South Carolina State House in response to the Orangeburg Massacre	14  1960 — Simon Bouie & Tallmadge Neal sat in a restaurant booth in Eckerd's Drug Store and waited for service. They were arrested for criminal trespassing & convicted	15  1960 — Members of the SC Student Movement Association held a protest in Columbia, SC designed to take place at the same time as one happening on the same day in Orangeburg, SC. Eleven students were arrested over the course of two days	16	17 <b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY</b>	18	19
20  <b>SPRING BEGINS PALM SUNDAY</b>	21	22	23  1931 — Ernest A. Finney, Jr., the first African American Supreme Court Justice appointed to the South Carolina Supreme Court since the Reconstruction Era was born	24  1961 — In response to the Lennie Glover stabbing, African American students led a boycott of Main Street businesses in Columbia, SC. The "Easter Lennie Glover No Buying Campaign" featured daily picketing and sit-ins	25  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	26  1950 — Singer, Teddy Pendergrass was born in Kingstree, SC
27  <b>EASTER</b>	28  1984 — Benjamin Elijah Mays, educator, social activist, mentor to Dr. King, and the president of Morehouse College died in Atlanta, GA	29	30	31		

# Aubrey D. Jenkins

Fire Chief and Public Servant

In the military, Aubrey D. Jenkins would be called a “mustang,” as an officer who came up through the ranks. But in the Columbia Fire Department, he is called “Chief.”

Jenkins has enjoyed a more than 30-year career of helping victims as a fireman. He began his career as a firefighter in 1979, then became a fire equipment operator. He worked his way up through the fire department to captain, then battalion chief, then deputy chief. In 2011, Jenkins was named the first African American fire chief for the City of Columbia. He currently leads more than 600 active firefighters, volunteer firefighters and support staff in 32 stations.

A graduate of Eau Claire High School in Columbia, Jenkins holds a bachelor's degree in fire science from Columbia Southern University and learned to love firefighting through on-the-job training.

During his career, Jenkins has earned a variety of honors. In 2012, the Columbia Housing Authority inducted him into its Wall of Fame. Jenkins has also been named Columbia Firefighter of the Year and he earned the Volunteer of the Year award for the American Red Cross. He is also a recipient of the Columbia Urban League's Lincoln C. Jenkins Jr. Award and was named South Carolina Public Safety Officer of the Year. Most recently, he served as the honorary chair of the 2015 Walk Like MADD walk to end drunk driving. Jenkins is also a certified emergency responder instructor, a South Carolina Fire Academy instructor and an American Red Cross first aide instructor.

Jenkins attends Progressive Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, where he serves as a deacon and chairman of the brotherhood department. He and his wife, Vernell, have two sons, Sheldon and Emmanuel.





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## April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 APRIL FOOL'S DAY	2
3	4	5	6	7 WORLD HEALTH DAY	8	9
10	11  1877 – Reconstruction came to an end in South Carolina	12	13	14  1868 – SC voters approved constitution, 70,758 to 27,228, and elected state officers, including the first black cabinet officer, Francis L. Cardozo, secretary of state. New constitution required integrated education and contained a strong bill of rights section: "Distinctions on account of race or color, in any case whatever, shall be prohibited, and all classes of citizens shall enjoy equally all common, public, legal and political privileges."	15  TAX DAY	16
17  1911 – Senator Isaiah DeQuincey Newman was born in Clyde Township, SC. Newman was the first African American to serve in the South Carolina Senate since Reconstruction  1968 – Malcolm X gave an address at the Mosque in Columbia, SC	18  1963 – Brown vs. SC Forestry Commission case opens	19	20  2010 – Steve Benjamin wins election with 56% of the vote becoming Columbia's first African American mayor	21	22 PASSOVER BEGINS EARTH DAY	23
24	25  1968 – Robert Kennedy spoke at the University of South Carolina about the national government's role in eliminating racial discrimination	26  1938 – Jasper Cureton, the first African American appellate judge in South Carolina since reconstruction was born in Walhalla, SC	27	28	29 ARBOR DAY	30 PASSOVER ENDS

# Howard F. Jeter

Career Diplomat

Born and raised in Union, South Carolina, Howard F. Jeter had a distinguished 27-year career in the Foreign Service, mostly serving in Africa. Over the course of his career, Jeter served as the United States Ambassador to Nigeria, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, and State Department Director of West African Affairs. He also served as President Bill Clinton's Special Envoy to Liberia and Ambassador to Botswana. Jeter had other assignments in Mozambique, Tanzania, Lesotho, and Namibia.

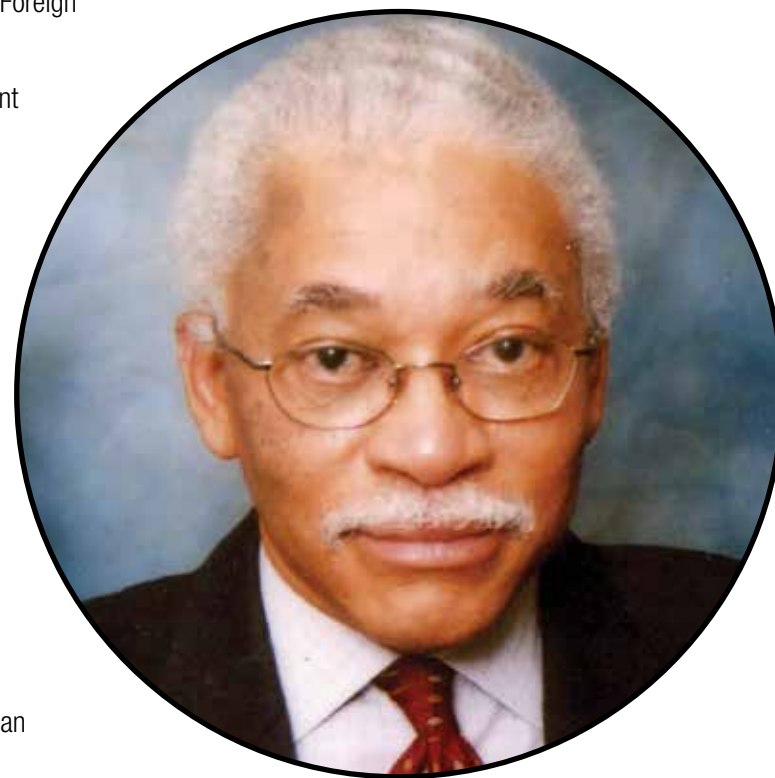
He lived and worked in Africa for more than 18 years, and upon his retirement from the U.S. State Department in 2003, Jeter began working with a prominent international business and advisory consulting group in Washington, D.C. He then served as interim president of the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation and chaired the United States Export-Import Bank Advisory Committee on Africa. Jeter has served on the board of directors of Houston-based ERHC Energy, Inc. and most recently was appointed to the board of directors of Oracle Energy, based in Toronto.

Jeter graduated as valedictorian from Sims High School in Union. He later graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Morehouse College and earned a Master's degree from Columbia University and a Master's degree in African Studies from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Jeter has earned numerous awards and commendations including the Presidential Meritorious Service Award, Morehouse College's Bennie Trailblazer Award and the International Peace and Justice Award from the Rainbow PUSH Coalition, founded and headed by Reverend Jesse Jackson.

He has also served on many boards of directors and prominent advisory boards, including Africare and the Morehouse College Andrew Young Global Leadership Center. In Nigeria, he served on the International Advisory Boards of the Ken Nnamani Centre for Leadership and Development, and he has worked with several universities as an advisor and on fellowship selection committees.

Jeter and his wife, Donice, have two adult children.





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## May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  2000 – South Carolina Governor Jim Hodges signs a bill to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday an official state holiday. South Carolina is the last state to recognize the day as a holiday	3  1898 – Septima Poinsette Clark, commonly referred to as "The Mother of the Movement" was born in Charleston, SC  1933 – James Brown often referred to as "The Godfather of Soul" was born in Barnwell, SC	4	5  CINCO DE MAYO	6	7
8  MOTHER'S DAY	9  1750 – The South Carolina Gazette reports that Caesar, a South Carolina slave has been granted his freedom and lifetime annuity in exchange for his cures for poison and rattlesnake bites  1862 – Slaves in Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina were freed	10	11	12  1862 – Robert Smalls seized Confederate warship	13  1862 – Enslaved ship pilot and future SC politician Robert Smalls liberates 16 slaves by piloting a stolen Confederate Ship called the Planter through enemy territory  1872 – Matilda Evans was born in Aiken, SC. Evans moved to Columbia, SC and began her own practice, becoming the first licensed African American female physician in the state	14
15	16	17	18	19	20  1963 – Over 1,000 University of South Carolina students support an anti-integration rally in Columbia by marching to the State House	21  ARMED FORCES DAY
22	23	24	25	26  1956 – Althea Gibson won the French Open, becoming the first black tennis player to win a major tennis title	27	28
29	30  1822 – The Denmark Vesey "conspiracy" is uncovered and curtailed by authorities in Charleston, SC	31  MEMORIAL DAY				

# Bernett "Bernie" William Mazyck

Economic Development Leader

**B**ernie Mazyck has dedicated himself to improving the quality of life of poor families and communities through his church work and as President and Chief Executive Officer of the South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development (SCACED).

Under Mazyck's leadership for the past 17 years, SCACED has seen the community economic development movement in the state grow from four community development organizations to more than 70. SCACED and its member groups have developed projects with a \$250 million economic impact in communities across South Carolina. With SCACED's help, more than 1,000 families have purchased their first homes, 6,000 jobs have been created and thousands of families in distressed and rural communities have built wealth.

Before Mazyck's tenure at SCACED, he served as director for the Neighborhoods Energized to Win Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation. He has also worked as the vice president of community development for the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce and a program manager in the employment and training department for the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Born in Summerville, South Carolina, where he still lives, Mazyck is a provisional deacon in the South Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC). He has served in various capacities in his home church of Murray United Methodist and has led efforts in the UMC throughout the Lowcountry to eliminate hunger. He is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center.

In 2011, Mazyck was elected chairman of the National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations and has served as a board member with numerous organizations, including the Historic Charleston Foundation and the Board of Trustees of the Penn Center at St. Helena Island.

Gov. Mark Sanford awarded Mazyck the Order of the Silver Crescent in 2004, and Gov. Nikki Haley awarded him the Order of the Palmetto in 2014.





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## June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5  1963 – Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman announces that the NAACP will stage massive demonstrations in eight S.C. cities unless negotiations begin to “solve racial differences”	6  1939 – Marian Wright Edelman, the first African American woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar and founder of the Children Defense Fund, was born in Bennettsville, SC	7	8	9	10	11
12	13  1910 – William D. Crum, a S.C. physician is appointed minister to Liberia	14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15	16	17	18
19 <b>FATHER’S DAY</b>  1963 – Mayor Lester Bates announces his belief that there is no need for a bi-racial committee to negotiate integration process in public schools	20 <b>SUMMER BEGINS</b>	21  1832 – Joseph Hayne Rainey was born into slavery in Georgetown, SC. Rainey was the first African American to serve in the United States House of Representatives, the second African American to serve in Congress, the first African American presiding officer of the US House of Representatives	22  1964 – The Supreme court reverses the convictions of Simon Bouie, Tallmadge Neal and Charles Barr and two others in trespassing cases	23  1951 – SC District Court ruled in favor of the Clarendon County School board that segregation is inequality	24  1954 – Sarah Mae Flemming, a young African American domestic worker was hit by a Columbia bus driver for sitting in the front and ejected from the bus on the corner of Main and Washington Streets	25
26	27	28	29  1937 – James Roland Clark, M.D., recognized as an expert on sickle cell anemia and one of the founders of the Columbia Area Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation (CASCAF) was born in Columbia, SC	30		

# James P. (JP) Neal, Jr.

Public Administrator, Educator, Broadcaster and Minister

Whether in the classroom, TV studio or pulpit, James P. “JP” Neal has given a strong voice of purpose and hope to his community in Columbia, South Carolina. Neal is well known for having hosted WIS-TV’s award-winning “Awareness” show for more than 25 years, but he has also helped guide thousands of people as an ordained minister. During a 40-year period, he served several churches, including Gill Creek Baptist Church in Columbia and The White Oak Baptist Church No. 2 of Ridgeway, a church founded by his grandfather one year before the Civil War.

As he began his religious career in 1975, Neal also worked as director of community relations and special assistant to the state commissioner for minority affairs for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. He also held a variety of youth services roles, including acting as the state director for the South Carolina Department of Youth Services. Just after his graduation from Howard University, where he also later earned his Master of Arts in teaching, Neal was a science teacher and assistant principal at W.A. Perry Junior High School in Columbia.

Over the years, Neal brought his varied interests to the WIS-TV airwaves where he examined critical issues of race relations, education and minority economic development. When we wasn’t on camera, Neal put his talents to work on multiple boards, including the South Carolina Department of Youth Services, Victory Savings Bank and BB&T. He has also led the United Negro College Fund campaign in South Carolina, served as president of the South Carolina State Employees Association, was a Richland School District One commissioner, and he became the first black member of the Columbia Jaycees in 1967.

Neal has earned numerous awards, including honors from the NAACP, The Black Family Summit, Columbia Urban League, and Gov. Jim Hodges honored him with The Order of the Palmetto.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3  1910 – Civil Rights leader and businessman, Esau Jenkins, was born on Johns Island, SC	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	5  1947 – Camden, SC native Larry Doby was signed to the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first African American to play in the American League and the first African American to hit a home run in an All-Star game	6  1868 – The South Carolina House became the first and only legislature to have a black majority, 87 blacks to 40 whites	7	8	9
10  1963 – In the case of Brown vs. SC Forestry Commission, Judge Martin orders all state parks to desegregate within 60 days. Instead, the South Carolina Forestry Commission closed all state parks  1875 – Mary McLeod Bethune is born in Mayesville, SC	11	12	13	14  1929 – Dr. Noble P. Cooper, the first African American accepted into the S.C. Dental Association was born in Columbia, SC	15	16
17	18	19	20  1966 – South Carolina state parks are reopened as fully integrated facilities after closed by the South Caroling Forestry Commission in response to Brown vs. Forestry Commission	21  1940 – Congressman James Clyburn was born in Sumter, SC 1949 – Luther J. Battiste III was born in Orangeburg, SC. He and his partners formed the first racially integrated law firm at the partner level in South Carolina and in 1983 he was elected as one of the first two African Americans to Columbia City Council	22	23
24	25  1963 – Robert Anderson applies as a transfer student to the University of South Carolina	26	27  1907 – Anna May Manigault-Hurley, operator of Manigault-Hurley Funeral Home, Inc., one of the biggest black owned businesses in the state, was born in Columbia, SC	28	29  1963 – The University of South Carolina Board of Trustees announces it will comply with the order to desegregate	30
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# James H. Salley

Institutional Development Officer and Religious Leader

Since 1992, James H. Salley has been improving access to higher education for minority students as Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement for Africa University in Zimbabwe. Based in Nashville, Tennessee, Salley works within the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church where he is responsible for communicating about the university and fundraising through United Methodist Churches and other organizations.

With his leadership, Africa University has grown from 40 students in renovated farm buildings to 1,600 students with more than 6,000 graduates and 44 modern buildings. The university endowment fund has also grown from \$300,000 to \$65 million.

A native of Orangeburg, South Carolina and graduate of South Carolina State University, Salley holds certificates for graduate seminars in higher education and fundraising. Before his work with the United Methodist Church, he worked as the Director of Institutional Advancement for South Carolina State.

Salley is a member of Edisto Fork United Methodist Church and has long served the United Methodist Church in various professional and service roles. He has also provided successful fundraising leadership to a number of United Methodist churches, historically black colleges and universities and other religious organizations.

He began his career in the 1970s working at several television and radio news media outlets and was the first African American to serve as president of the South Carolina Associated Press Broadcasters Association and the Radio & Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas. Salley has served as a member of the board of Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five, and he is a member of numerous organizations including Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the NAACP.



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## August

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	<b>1</b>  1894 – Benjamin Elijah Mays, educator, social activist, mentor to Dr. King, and the president of Morehouse College was born in Epworth, SC  1963 – The “Committee of 85” in Columbia votes to urge the city council to adopt a non-discriminatory hiring policy	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  1921 – South Carolina’s first African American federal judge, Judge Matthew J. Perry, was born in Columbia, SC	<b>4</b>  1810 – Robert Purvis, the “President of the Underground Railroad”, was born in Charleston, SC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  1955 – Jonathan Green one of the most important painters of the southern experience was born in Gardens Corner, SC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  1965 – Tony Award winner and Academy Award nominated actress Viola Davis was born in St. Matthews, SC	<b>12</b>  1922 – One of the first African American models in the United States, Ophelia DeVore-Mitchell was born in Edgefield, SC  1963 – Leading Columbia merchants announce removal of segregation signs from fountains, restrooms, and dressing rooms	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  1883 – Ernest Everett Just, scientist, was born in Charleston, SC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  1849 – Archibald Grimke, one of the first African Americans to attend Harvard Law School was born near Charleston, SC	<b>18</b>  1939 – Maxine Brown, R&B and soul singer was born in Kingstree, S	<b>19</b> <b>NAT’L AVIATION DAY</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>SENIOR CITIZENS DAY</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  1927 – Althea Gibson, first black Wimbledon champion was born in Clarendon County, SC	<b>26</b> <b>WOMEN’S EQUALITY DAY</b>	<b>27</b>  1963 – A bomb explodes near University of South Carolina student Henri Monteith’s home
<b>28</b>  1963 – Sumter NAACP chairman James T. McCain serves as a key organizer for the March on Washington	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  1885 – Edwin DuBose Heyward, author of <i>Porgy</i> was born in Charleston, SC			

# Carrie Sinkler-Parker

## Community Advocate

For more than 45 years, Carrie Sinkler-Parker has provided a strong, determined voice for South Carolinians in need, those who often cannot speak for themselves and who come from all age groups.

Following a brief teaching career in Ellerbe, North Carolina and Martinsville, Virginia, Sinkler-Parker returned to her native Clarendon County, South Carolina and began a new career in the child and adult protective services division of the South Carolina Department of Public Welfare.

In 2001, she left state government to become the AARP's associate state director, organizing the Grandparent/Kinship Caregiver Network in South Carolina, which provides structure to alternative care options for children who leave their birth parents to live with relatives. Sinkler-Parker is currently serving as a consumer health care advocate, informing the public about the benefits of the Affordable Care Act.

Because of her expertise in human services issues, Sinkler-Parker has served on a variety of boards and commissions, including the local and state Foster Care Review Board, and the boards of South Carolina Adult Day Services, National Adult Day Services Association, National Council on Aging, International Federation on Aging, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Long-term Care Advisory Committee. She was a 1995 Delegate to the White House Conference on Aging.

Sinkler-Parker holds a bachelor's degree from Barber-Scotia College and a master's degree in public health administration from the University of South Carolina. She also holds a graduate certificate in gerontology.

In 1983, Barber-Scotia College named Sinkler-Parker National Alumnus of the Year. In 1996, the African American Women's Conference honored her with the Mary McLeod Bethune Perseverance, Achievement and Charity Award. In 2014, Sumter County Council named Sinkler-Parker one of its Women of Excellence, and she is a life member of the National Council of Negro Women.

Sinkler-Parker and her husband, Alphonzo, have four children and three grandchildren.





# South Carolina African American History Calendar

## September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2  1869 – Anna DeCosta Banks, RN, a pioneer in the nursing profession was born in Charleston, SC	3  1865 – U.S. Army commander in South Carolina ordered Freedmen's Bureau to stop seizing abandoned land
4	5 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	6	7	8  1957 – Althea Gibson became the first African American athlete to win a U.S. national tennis championship	9  1739 – Stono Rebellion occurs in South Carolina. It is considered the largest slave rebellion on North American soil that took place prior to the American Revolution 1963 – Columbia experiences its first protest marches in over a year, as 23 blacks are arrested during a demonstration along Main Street. The next day, 60 blacks march along the same street but avoid arrest	10
11 <b>PATRIOT DAY GRANDPARENT'S DAY</b>  1963 – Henri Monteith, James Solomon, and Robert Anderson enroll at the University of South Carolina becoming the first African Americans to enroll since Reconstruction	12  1963 – As protests continue in Columbia, the "Committee of 85" adopts a resolution calling on motel, hotel, and theater owners to desegregate	13	14	15	16 <b>CONSTITUTION DAY</b>	17
18  1917 – Willis H. Crosby, the first black disk jockey (DJ) in the upstate of South Carolina was born in Anderson County, SC	19	20	21	22 <b>FALL BEGINS</b>  1979 – Matthew Perry becomes the first African American federal judge in South Carolina	23	24
25	26	27  1935 – Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, the only woman to pitch for Negro Major League was born in Ridgeway, SC	28	29	30	

# Martha Scott Smith

Business Leader, Philanthropist, Volunteer and Community Leader

**M**artha Scott Smith's life has taken her down many paths of business and community leadership, and she has left lasting contributions along each.

A Columbia native, Smith earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of South Carolina. She taught school at Richland School District One, where she helped develop the district's first gifted and talented program,

In 1977, Smith seized an opportunity to bring her passion for community involvement into the business world and joined Southern Bell, which later became AT&T. Over the following 37 years, she continually worked to encourage opportunities for success for individuals and families and to support projects that strengthened the community. One of her legacies is helping to create and direct AT&T's African American History Calendar project, the first of its kind in the country.

A 25-year volunteer with the Columbia Urban League, Smith became the first African American woman to chair a number of civic organizations such as the American Red Cross-Central Carolinas and the Foundations of Midlands Technical College and the State Museum. She has also served on the Boards of Visitors of Columbia College, Allen University and Claflin University, the Board of Trustees of South Carolina State University and USC's Presidential Minority Advisory Committee. She is the current president of the (Columbia) SC Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Smith was named the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year by the United Way of the Midlands, the first African American woman to receive the award. A member of the South Carolina Black Hall of Fame, Smith has received the South Carolina NAACP's statewide award for civic advocacy and the National Public Servant Award from the Jobs for America's Graduates program.

The mother of two and grandmother of one, Smith and her husband, Murray, are members of Francis Burns United Methodist Church.



# African American

South Carolina  
History Calendar

## October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 ROSH HASHANAH BEGINS	3	4 ROSH HASHANAH ENDS	5	6	7  1873 – Henry E. Hayne, the black Republican Secretary of State of South Carolina, registered as a student in the medical department of the University and was the first official matriculation of an African American student in the University of South Carolina	8  1941 – Civil rights leader, Jesse Jackson, is born in Greenville, SC
9	10 COLUMBUS DAY	11  1975 – Kimberly Clarice Aiken, the first African American Miss America from South Carolina and Human Rights Advocate was born in Columbia, SC	12 YOM KIPPUR	13	14  1963 – South Carolina officially “runs out of courts” as the U.S. Supreme Court refuses to hear Clemson University’s appeal	15 1960 – Students from Allen University & Benedict College formed the Student Conference for Human Rights in order to facilitate cross-campus & city-wide organizing 1967 – Winnsboro, SC native Sergeant First Class Webster Anderson of the 101st Airborne Division successfully defends his artillery position from a sustained enemy attack. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor
16	17  1871 – President Grant suspended the writ of habeas corpus and declared martial law in nine South Carolina counties affected by Ku Klux Klan activities	18	19	20	21  1917 – John Birks “Dizzy” Gillespie was born in Cheraw, SC	22
23	24 UNITED NATIONS DAY	25	26  1868 – B.F. Randolph, State Senator and Chairman of the State Republican Party, was assassinated in daylight at Hodges Depot in Abbeville, SC	27	28	29
30	31 HALLOWEEN					



# Thomasena Stokes-Marshall

Town Councilwoman and Cultural Preservationist

Thomasena Stokes-Marshall has made a difference in lives and families as a New York City law enforcement officer before returning to her hometown of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, where she is helping lead the Town in preserving its culture and heritage.

Stokes-Marshall moved from Mount Pleasant to New York with her parents as a child. Educated in the New York City Public School System, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in public administration and community organization from New York University. After 24 years with the New York Police Department, she retired as detective first grade and returned to Mount Pleasant in 1993.

In 1998, Stokes-Marshall ran for a seat on Mount Pleasant Town Council and became the first African American to serve on the council, where she's currently serving her fourth term. As Mayor Pro Tem, she has worked to address Mount Pleasant's growing senior population's needs. She served as chair of the Town's Action Committee for the Aging Population and spearheaded efforts that resulted in the construction of the Town's Senior Services Center.

In 2004, Stokes-Marshall, concerned about growing threats to the ancient sweetgrass basket-making technique, founded the Sweetgrass Cultural Arts Festival Association. Today, the annual festival helps preserve the Gullah Geechee culture and supports the local and state tourism economy. As the organization's executive director, Stokes-Marshall is responsible for program development, grant writing, operations management and implementation of the organization's programs and activities.

Stokes-Marshall also led efforts to create a partnership between the Town and Trident Technical College, resulting in the college's Mount Pleasant campus in 2010.

Stokes-Marshall has served numerous community organizations and non-profit boards in the Lowcountry, including East Cooper Habitat for Humanity, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, the International African American Museum and the East Cooper Medical Center.



# South Carolina African American History Calendar

## November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>	2	3 1896 – South Carolina State College (now known as South Carolina State University) is established 1970 – Herbert Fielding, James Felder, & I.S. Leevy Johnson elected to the S.C. House of Representatives as first African Americans since reconstruction 1998 – South Carolina removed its anti-miscegenation law	4	5 1974 – Juanita Goggins of Rock Hill, SC becomes the first black woman elected to the State Legislature
6 <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b>  1992 – Congressman James Clyburn becomes the first black US Representative elected to office since Reconstruction	7	8 <b>ELECTION DAY</b>  1983 – I. DeQuincey Newman became first African American elected to S. C. Senate since Reconstruction	9	10  1939 – 29 representatives from SC branches met in the library at Benedict College and founded the South Carolina NAACP State conference of branches	11 <b>VETERANS' DAY</b>	12
13	14	15	16  1873 – Richard T. Greener, first Black graduate of Harvard University, is named professor of Metaphysics at the University of South Carolina	17	18  1963 – The annual meeting of South Carolina Council on Human Relations is held in the newly desegregated Downtowner Hotel in Columbia	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>  1874 – Robert B. Elliott is elected Speaker of the lower house of the South Carolina legislature during Reconstruction	25 <b>BLACK FRIDAY</b>	26  1872 – The South Carolina General Assembly met in Columbia and names four blacks to the seven-man governing board of the University of South Carolina: Samuel J. Lee, J.A. Bowley, Stephen A. Swails and W.R. Jervey
27	28 <b>CYBER MONDAY</b>	29	30			

# Elizabeth "Lizzie" Evelyn Wright

Educator and Founder, Voorhees College

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Wright's commitment to education has impacted the lives of thousands of African American students for over a century.

Wright founded Voorhees College in Denmark, South Carolina, in 1897. A child of Reconstruction, she was born in Talbotton, Georgia, in 1872 to parents who had been born into slavery. She was educated at St. Phillip's African Methodist Episcopal Church before enrolling in Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute in 1888. Booker T. Washington's wife, Olivia, became Wright's mentor and connected her with Tuskegee trustee Judge George W. Kelley, who paid for her education.

During Wright's senior year, she dropped out because of medical problems. Almira S. Steele, also a Tuskegee trustee, convinced her to come to Hampton County, South Carolina to teach in her school. This school was burned and Wright returned to Tuskegee to complete her education. After graduation, she returned to Hampton County where Judge Kelley had started construction of a school for her to teach African American children. It was also burned. Kelley persevered and found an old mill for the school; it too was burned.

Wright remained determined. After eight attempts to open a school, she arrived in Denmark, South Carolina, and founded Denmark Industrial School, which opened in 1897. By the following fall, the school was serving 270 students. In 1902, the school was renamed Voorhees Industrial School to honor Ralph Voorhees, who had provided funding for a 280-acre campus.

Wright died in 1906 and was buried in the Memorial Garden on the Voorhees College campus. Her passion for education continues in the private, historically black liberal arts institution affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers Jr., the college's current president, says the institution still seeks to fulfill Wright's original vision: to combine intellect and faith in guiding young adults along their chosen professional and personal paths.





# South Carolina African American History Calendar

## December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 WORLD AIDS DAY	2	3
4	5 1899 – Modjeska Monteith Simkins, known as the "matriarch of civil rights activists" in South Carolina was born in Columbia, SC 1902 – Annie Green Nelson, South Carolina's first known, published, female African American author, was born in Darlington County, SC 1935 – Mary McLeod Bethune, educator, founded National Council of Negro Women	6 1870 – Joseph H. Rainey, first Black in the South Carolina House of Representatives is sworn in	7 PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY 1950 – Casey Manning, the first African American member of the University of South Carolina's basketball team was born in Dillon, SC	8	9	10 HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
11	12 1963 – Five movie theaters in Columbia agree to admit one black couple each	13 1962 – The Edwards vs. SC trial begins which was in reaction to 187 petitioners consisted of African American high school and college students who peacefully assembled at the Zion Baptist Church in Columbia, SC in March 1961. The students marched in separate groups of roughly 15 to South Carolina State House grounds to peacefully express their grievances regarding civil rights of African Americans	14	15	16	17
18 1959 – South Carolina was declared an "independent commonwealth." BLACKS IN CONFEDERACY: Confederacy was the first to recognize that Blacks were major factors in the war conference of branches	19	20 1860 – South Carolina seceded from the Union becoming the first state to secede 1963 – Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman announces more demonstrations will be held despite the objections from the "Committee of 85"	21 WINTER SOLSTICE 1865 – South Carolina issues one of the first set of black codes "to regulate the relations of persons of color". Among the codes included those of illegal interracial marriages, master apprentice relations and service contracts	22	23 1863 – Robert Blake, powder boy aboard the USS Marbathead, was the first Black awarded the Naval Medal of Honor "for conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the risk of his own life" in a battle that occurred off the coast of South Carolina on this day	24 CHRISTMAS EVE
25 CHRISTMAS DAY HANUKKAH BEGINS 1971 – Rev. Jesse Jackson organized Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity)	26 KWANZAA BEGINS	27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE



# *A time to remember*

We believe diversity is the key to the future. And in times of tragedy it is that same diversity that gives us strength. Showing us that we can make our community– and the world – better when we all work together.

As we honor the men and women whose lives and accomplishments are highlighted in the pages of this South Carolina African American History Calendar, let us also take time to honor and remember nine lives that were tragically cut short in Charleston.

As long as we keep diversity's light shining, the future is bright for everyone.

## ***In memory of***

*Cynthia Hurd*

*Susie Jackson*

*Ethel Lee Lance*

*The Reverend DePayne Middleton-Doctor*

*The Honorable Reverend Clementa C. Pinckney*

*Tywanza Sanders*

*The Reverend Daniel Simmons, Sr.*

*The Reverend Sharonda Singleton*

*Myra Thompson*

